

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please amend the following paragraphs:

[0016] FIGS. 2 is-a and 2A are schematic views showing a portion of two parallel fusible wire turns in section.

[0017] FIG. 1 is a schematic view of a fusible conductor in accordance with the invention, in which both a fusible wire 2 and also an insulating fibre 3 are wound parallel about an electrically insulating core 1 In the illustrated embodiment, the fusible wire 2 and the insulating fibre 3 are wound closely adjacent to one another. The insulating fibre initially has an approximately circular cross section and deforms during the winding process to form a flattened strip, the width of which is approximately twice the diameter of the fusible wire 2, as shown in Fig. 2A.